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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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NOTE: June 14, 1969

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Secretary  
THRU: S/S *HW*  
O - Mr. Roberts, Acting

FROM: EA - Marshall Green

SUBJECT: Resumption of Diplomatic Relations with  
Cambodia - ACTION MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR

REVIEWED BY *Amblay* DATE *10/9/80*

PORTIONS DENIED AS INDICATED

There is attached (Tab A) a memorandum from you to the President, suggesting that we accept the Cambodian proposal to resume diplomatic relations at the level of chargés d'affaires.

The Cambodian proposal, together with the recommendations of the Australian Ambassador, are attached as Tab B. For the reasons indicated in the memorandum to the President, we propose to send an advance man before the end of this month, to begin making administrative arrangements for reopening our mission in Phnom Penh. We have considered giving him the title of chargé, but believe this would be somewhat misleading in view of the administrative and temporary nature of his duties, and that it would add to our embarrassment if Sihanouk again reverses his policy in the next few weeks.

We intend to keep the whole question of re-establishing relations quite separate from our plans to send a scientific mission to assess possible damage to plantations in Cambodia from our defoliation operations in South Viet-Nam.

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Recommended Action:

1. That you sign the attached memorandum to the President (Tab A).
2. That you accept the designation of Thay Sok (bio data attached Tab C) as Cambodian chargé in Washington.

Approve CPB

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Attachments:

- Tab A - Memorandum to the President
- Tab B - Australian Telegrams
- Tab C - Bio data on Thay Sok

EA/LC:PJBennett/gmb  
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Clearances: EA - Mr. Godley *ms per P*  
EA - Mr. Sullivan (draft) *ms per*  
S/CPR - Mr. Smoak (draft) *B*  
O/DG - Mr. Steeves (draft) *B*  
O/FI - Mr. Wilkins (draft) *B*  
O/B - Mr. Meek (draft) *B*  
EA/EX - Mr. McCue (draft) *B*  
EA/LC - Mr. Corcoran *g- B*

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